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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING LASER RADIATION, INCLUDING TRANSMISSION OF RADIATION IN A HOLLOW BEAM

CONFIGURATION, INTO A CONFINED TARGET SPACE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 4 August 1992 on the above-identified application, the applicants provisionally elect for further prosecution on merits at this time the species illustrated by FIGURE 1. Claims 1-12 and 15-17 read on the elected species. The methods defined by claims 18-30 can be practiced using the elected species.

An early action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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